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#### ANTIPLAGUE QUARANTINE.

During the week ended May 4, 664 passengers from 12 vessels were in quarantine at the Mariveles quarantine station completing seven days' detention after arrival at this port. Rigid inspections are made daily. All arrivals are bathed and their effects disinfected. During the week 268 persons entered quarantine and 396 were released.

Reports from Hongkong show that there were recorded 317 deaths from plague in Hongkong during April. Those occurring in Hongkong proper were classed as 3 septicemic and 262 bubonic, while those in Kowloon (across the strait) were 8 pneumonic, 11 septicemic, and 33 bubonic. The diagnosis in each case is said to have been verified by autopsy. The menace to the Philippines at this time is very great.

# PORTO RICO.

## San Juan-Plague.

Twelve cases of bubonic plague with 5 deaths have occurred in San Juan. All the cases occurred in Porto Ricans. The first suspected case was reported June 14. There appear to be two foci of the disease. The source is probably infected rats, although this has not as yet been determined. Active measures are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

As a rigid maritime quarantine has been maintained at San Juan against all vessels arriving from ports known to be plague infected, it is possible that the infection was introduced from some foreign port in which plague exists but has not been recognized, or, if recognized, has not been reported.

#### RUSSIA.

## Typhus Fever.

At Moscow Consul General Snodgrass reports the occurrence of 13 cases of typhus fever with 5 deaths during the week ended May 4.

At St. Petersburg Consul Conner reports the occurrence of 1 case of typhus fever with 1 death during the week ended May 11.

## TRIPOLI.

#### Tripoli-Typhus Fever.

Consul Wood reports that during the three weeks ended May 19, 5 cases of typhus fever with 2 deaths were reported at Tripoli.

### WEST INDIES.

#### Trinidad-Plague.

Three deaths from plague were reported, June 13, at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

## ZANZIBAR.

## Zanzibar-Examination of Rats.

Consul Waddell reports as follows relative to the examination of rats for plague infection: February 15 to 29, 1912, 1,161; month of March, 1912, 3,521; month of April, 1912, 3,151. No plague-infected rats were found.